

# "The Ottawa Spotlight"

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, August 11th. To offset some of the gloom caused by the widespread failure of the grain crop in western Canada, and the serious food shortage which will compel extraordinary measures to relieve the ranchers and stockmen, there are of late several more hopeful developments becoming evident at the capital.

Rising wheat prices, accompanied by a general improvement in other farm and garden prices, reflecting mainly the drought of North America, but in part overtures in flour, are gradually restoring a better balance between agricultural and manufacturing prices. This disparity has long been held by economists to be one of the main factors retarding recovery in Canada. The farmer was unable to trade his products on a fair basis with other producers, and he was compelled to pay old debts incurred when prices were high at a time when his own prices were low.

**Increase Buying Power.**—The rising agricultural prices will not, of course, help the farmer whose harvest was wiped out by drought or other cause. Nor will they assist the stocker, the worker in other occupations. But inasmuch as they increase the buying power of the Canadian farmer they will soon be reflected in the cost of activity in factories and stores.

Even with an unappalling low yield of wheat in the main western areas it is quite conceivable that the total purchasing power of wheat farmers this year will be the best for several years. It may be recalled that the harvest of 1932 was the third largest in the history of the country, but the average value at the farm was only 25 cents a bushel, and the estimated value of that wheat crop by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was only \$15,700,000.

Even if this year's western wheat crop is only 215 or 225 millions, plus an eastern crop of 15 millions, it is obvious that at prices now current the total value would be somewhat greater than it was in 1932. Indeed, the prospects are now that it will be the most valuable harvest since 1929.

**Stocks on Hand More Valuable.**—There is another aspect of the sharp advance in wheat prices which should not be missed. The wheat now being sold at these prices is, at the end of the crop year (July 31) over a hundred million bushels of wheat to sell. Part of this wheat was, perhaps, carryover from previous years but may by now be sold in the hands of a dealer or farmer. This there may not be much profit, but at any rate there does not appear to be much likelihood of further loss.

But the most part of the 100 million tons on hand must be what was bought from the western crop. The basis of 12 1/2 cents a bushel during the last year, it was understood at the time that this was an interim payment, and that if the board made any surplus, it should be distributed pro rata among farmers who delivered to the board. Of course, there are storage and financing charges on this wheat to deduct, but it would not take much further advance in wheat prices to yield a tidy profit to be distributed among the farmers who sold wheat last year—many of whom had no crop this year and will be grateful for a small extra payment on last year's wheat.

**Gain in Revenues.**—Another more optimistic feature in the news is the substantial gain in federal revenues and the slight decrease in expenditures. The improvement in four months is a net result of 25 million dollars.

The employment figures are also a little better, after some months when, allowing for seasonal changes, they made practically no headway. The figures showing progress on relief, aside from the drought-stricken areas of the west, where there will be no relief, are expected to show marked increase during this summer, as compared with a year ago. Business in general is much better, and there have been much more so had it not been for the serious collapse in western Canada.

On the long view the light wheat harvest may prove to have been a good thing, but it is still a consolation for the destitute farmer.

Consultations continue regarding the feed situation in the west, and the ranchers begin to grow restive. There are numerous and somewhat involved negotiations to complete before Ottawa, August 11th. To offset some of the gloom caused by the widespread failure of the grain crop in western Canada, and the serious food shortage which will compel extraordinary measures to relieve the ranchers and stockmen, there are of late several more hopeful developments becoming evident at the capital.

## FAMILY REUNION OF THE WALLS BROTHERS

Meeting all together for the first time since 1925 the seven Walls brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Walls and nephews of Mrs. M. B. Garrett, Strathmore, Mrs. John McKay, Chesterton, and Mr. Walls of Calgary, held a very happy reunion in Calgary on Monday and Tuesday.

Winifred Walls of Colorado, the eldest, who is on his honeymoon arrived in Strathmore last Thursday, getting in touch with his various brothers they arranged this meeting in Calgary where a picture of the family group was taken and needless to say, a day long to be remembered fully enjoyed. Winifred and his bride are motoring through to the coast, taking the youngest brother, James, with them as far as Vancouver, perhaps home with them. The names of the brothers are Winifred, William, Colin, Morrison, Clayton, Max, Wilson and Burns.

## GOLF CLUB BRIDE PARTY

The second and final game of bridge arranged by the Ladies Golf Club was held Thursday last at the exclusive Club House, ten tables being played.

Miss Mildred Macrum was the lucky holder of the high total score. When Leonard Yates and his wife, Mrs. Yates, announced that the men's high total had been tied by two veterans and top-notch bridge players, viz. H. Whitehead and Ned White and that a one game play off would be necessary, excitement ran high. Partners were drawn and the players at once in very serious mood to battle, and "the boldest held his breath" as many spectators followed the play. The final hands played resulted in a victory for Mr. Whitehead and Miss Brown, who shook hands with their opponents and declared they were worthy combatants in the contest.

## WEDDINGS

### COX - FAULLS

A wedding of much local interest took place in the Anglican Church at Pincher Creek Friday, August 7th, when Miss Helen Faulls became the bride of Mr. W. H. Cox, Principal of the Harrell School at Turner Valley. Archdeacon Swanson of Calgary was the officiating clergyman.

The bride looked very winsome in her bridal gown of white satin and veil caught in cap shape with orange blossoms.

During the signing of the register, Mr. Bailey the sweet voiced soloist of Pincher Creek sang in beautiful voice, O Perfect Love.

Following the ceremony about forty guests numbered to the party. Ranch near Waterton Lake, where the wedding reception was held. Miss Faulls who received her B. A. degree at U. of A. Edmonton last Spring, has been a frequent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barry, during which visits she has made many Strathmore friends who will unite in good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

## CULLUM - THOMAS

A wedding took place at the United Church Manse on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 12th, when Mr. P. Edward Cullum and Miss Caroline Thomas were married. Rev. V. M. Gilbert officiating. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Alway, of Edmonton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cullum are of Strathmore and expect to take up their residence in this district.

## SPECIAL SESSION

A special Session of the Alberta Legislature will be called August 20. It is likely to last one week. Social Credit measures, the drought situation and probably debt adjustment will be the chief matters dealt with.

# Local News Items

Miss Carrek was a week end guest of Mrs. C. W. Wiley at the rectory.

Miss Grace and Miss Helen MacRae, of Winnipeg, cousins of Mrs. E. W. Wright spent Wednesday last in Strathmore en route to Vancouver.

Mrs. Beasley and daughter, former Strathmore residents and now living near Seattle are guests of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ashley for several weeks.

Election in Quebec Monday next.

Mr. Berry, Hugh Berry, Mrs. Gladys Morgan and Billy were guests Friday last at the Cox-Paull wedding at Pincher Creek, remaining over at the family home until Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Melissen and family spent their holiday week at Sylvan Lake.

Mr. Jack Garrett was a Calgary visitor over the week end.

Mrs. J. E. McCulloch entertained a few friends at Tea Friday last, commencing her family party. Mrs. Allan McCulloch who with her husband leave Saturday en route to their home in Pullman, Washington.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNeill August 6th, a boy, Dr. Giffen in attendance.

The funeral of Miss Ruth Gibson was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Church of the Nat. Assure, Calgary. Rev. A. R. Alford officiating. She is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibson of Kamoka to whom the sympathy of their friends is extended.

Mr. Donald McGregor of Owen Sound, Ontario and his daughter Miss Jean McGregor of Dayton, Wash. are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Frank Skene and Mr. Skene of Chedoke.

Miss Gerry Van Tighem and Frankie left Sunday morning on a holiday trip to Vancouver.

Miss Gladys Pressenden left Saturday night on a month's visit with friends in Vancouver, Victoria and Port Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCulloch with Mr. and Mrs. Allan McCulloch spent the week end in Banff.

## NEW TRADE PACTS

Ministers of the Dominion Court, returning from Europe are bringing back well advanced plans for new trade agreements.

John James Gardiner has been busy securing new markets for the sale of wheat, bacon and other agricultural products.

Hon. W. D. Eider, minister of trade and commerce has been particularly interested with agreements with Germany, Russia and Holland. The new agreement with Poland negotiated by former Premier Bennett becomes effective August 15th.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Strathmore Standard.—As some of my friends are not aware that I am a resident of the Hospital at Calgary I thought I would write you about it, as I am likely to be there for a while yet. I am greatly indebted to the Hospital family for so kindly and carefully looking after my place. And also many kind friends who have visited me and brought books, papers, fruit and flowers. The hospital staff have all been extra good to me too.

Hope you will find space for this. Yours truly, Andrew Hall.

## MISS WEST IN THE UNITED CHURCH

After being closed for two Sundays the United Church will reopen its evening worship next Sunday at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to announce that our next speaker will be Miss Nellie West who is home on furlough from India. This will be our last opportunity of hearing her message as she sails for her midland station the last of this month. Miss West has kindly consented to preach at all three pulpits, Namika, Chedoke and Strathmore.

# REGISTRATION FORMS FOR ALBERTA CREDIT

Citizens and Farmers to Government

With Provincial Government

Farmer's Covenant

The farmer or producer in his "covenant" with the government agrees:

1-To produce as much as possible of products to be consumed in Alberta or elsewhere if there is a surplus;

2-To co-operate with the Alberta government in planning the supply of products required for the province, and the prices at which they will be sold.

3-To sell at least 50 per cent of his products, over and above that required by himself or his immediate dependents, within Alberta for Alberta credit, when called upon to do so, provided the price allowed is at least equal to the general market price.

4-To make full reports of prices or purchases and other information required by the Alberta government.

5-To make no demand or claim at any time for payment in Canadian or bank currency of Alberta credit held by him.

6-To tender no Alberta credit in payment of provincial taxes, licenses, royalties, fines, etc., until such time as the Alberta government shall be able to accept all or part on the taxes, etc.

7-To deposit, in case a bonus is given in any sale of surplus products, the price of the sale together with the bonus in the credit house of the Alberta government.

What Gov't Promises

In return the Alberta government promises:

1-To encourage Alberta producers by establishing and maintaining a price for Alberta products so that the producers may be assured a fair commission above the actual cost of production.

2-To increase to the greatest extent possible the sale of Alberta products by issuing Alberta credit in dividends and otherwise which is intended primarily for use in purchasing Alberta-made goods, and products and the payment of services rendered.

3-To give from time to time, bonuses in Alberta credit to the Alberta producers so that they may be able to compete on the world's markets in sale of their surplus products.

4-To assist the farmer or producer by granting interest-free loans, in Alberta credit, on such terms and so that it may be mutually agreed upon, not exceeding 2 per cent for administration charges, for use in production of Alberta goods.

5-To organize feeding associations, commission merchants or other agencies for the purpose of exchanging for his surplus products and importing goods not made here.

6-To redeem, when possible, Alberta credit with Canadian or bank currency for the purpose of making any replacement, change of residence, outside the province, travelling, and other essential requirements.

ALBERTA CITIZENS

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby covenant, promise and agree as follows:

1-To co-operate most heartily with the Alberta government, and with my fellow citizens of the province of Alberta in providing food, clothing and shelter for every one of us.

2-To work whenever possible, and to accept any remuneration in Alberta credit as far as I can reasonably do so. In the event of receiving the whole or the greater part of my income in Canadian currency I shall exchange as much of it as is convenient for Alberta credit.

3-To ensure that I do not claim no demand at anytime, for payment in Canadian currency of Alberta credit held by me.

4-To enter no Alberta credit in payment of provincial taxes, licenses, royalties, fines, etc., until such time as the Alberta government shall be able to accept all or part on the taxes, etc.

In return for my agreement, I understand that the Alberta government covenants and agrees as follows:

1-To establish as early as possible and maintain a just rate of wages with reasonable hours of labor.

2-To exempt interest-free loans in Alberta credit on such terms and security as shall be mutually agreed upon, not exceeding 2 per cent for administration charges, for use in production of Alberta goods, and products and the payment of services rendered.

3-To give from time to time, bonuses in Alberta credit to the Alberta producers so that they may be able to compete on the world's markets in sale of their surplus products.

# COMING EVENTS

A Baptismal Service will be held at Wyndham Park Sunday, August 23, at 3:30 p.m. where several candidates will acknowledge their Lord in Baptism (immersion). The service will be conducted by Rev. M. E. Hall of Westbourne Baptist Church, Calgary. You are cordially invited.



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### THE TESTING TIME

The Social Credit government of Alberta has not shaken the crucial test of launching a social credit scheme and is vigorously driving forward to make it a success. Admittedly we are surprised that Premier Aberhart and his colleagues had the courage (or temerity) to go ahead with the undertaking, particularly in view of the rather drab outlook. Frankly we are also surprised at the vigor and determination with which government leaders have inaugurated the campaign to popularize the plan. That the premier was a man of tremendous energy and determination we already knew. And he does not seem to be showing up to any degree.

As far as the practicality of the plan is concerned we have not changed our opinion one iota. If it succeeds, economic troubles developed by centuries of observation and experience are untruthful. If it succeeds, a revolutionary change in human nature has been brought about. If it succeeds, the millennium has dawned. Having been elected on the promise to introduce the social credit theory, the government is amply justified in taking all reasonable steps it considers necessary to do so. The intimation is that the plan is voluntary. No one will be coerced into signing the agreement. The element of boycott, from which the Social Credit party has not been free, should also be eliminated. The plan should stand on its merits.

To be consistent, all those who voted for Social Credit should sign the agreement. They will have to turn a portion of their wages, salaries, grain, cattle etc. or other income, over to the credit house. Some may say they never understood such to be part of the plan, but it was pointed out clearly enough. Certainly this newspaper emphasized that phase, time after time. We stated that wealth had to be worked for by the labor of people and that was the only way it could be provided and that dividends, if, as and when paid, would have to come from that source.

We do not think it fair to indicate that only those who sign are favorable to everyone getting enough to eat and wear, and a place to sleep. The previous government, with the aid of the federal authority and the municipal bodies provided that. In fact a grand total of some \$25,000,000 was expended for that purpose over six years. Every other government in Canada makes similar provisions. Relief is not exclusively a feature of Social Credit.

We still maintain that the bulk of the wealth which is expected to be accumulated under this plan, in order to pay dividends, must come from agriculture. And we think that the auxiliary efforts to industrialize Alberta will only increase the burden on agriculture. Virtually every country who has forced industrialization has done so at agriculture's expense. To penalize the province's basic industry further, particularly after the hardships it has undergone during the past six years, is more than it can stand, in our opinion.

The testing point will not be the cheers which greet the vigorous utterances of Premier Aberhart, or the vocal approval of audiences listening to the addresses of other leaders all over the province. The test will be whether or not sufficient wealth producers toe the line and get their names down on the agreement, and then turn over their proper proportion of wealth when called upon. The crux will be when a farmer tries to decide on receiving say \$100 a bushel for his wheat, whether or not he will turn \$60 of that dollar to the government credit house.

The Herald is not campaigning against the plan. Our attitude has been explained times without number. We are not going to suggest that anyone should or should not sign. It is up to the individual, entirely. But we do think that, in all fairness to the government and the whole plan, those who voted in favor of the Social Credit political party should sign up, and as many other people who think the scheme is feasible.

We have been told by many ardent social crediters that the scheme is practical and feasible and will work. We don't think so, but we may be all cock-eyed on economics. Maybe it will work and maybe we have been entirely wrong. A very few months more will tell the tale. The above article written by H. G. McCrear, Editor of The Hanna Herald is so very clear and fair, we take the liberty of using it in full.

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### SAFETY DRIVING CAMPAIGN

BY A. M. A. WNS SUPPORT

Campaign for safety in driving, waged for some years by the Alberta Motor Association, has won response in various parts of the province.

In different centres, police officials are taking steps to carry out brake testing operations and otherwise to see that machines operating on the highways are in proper shape mechanically.

Congested highways, besides such factors as high speeds and recklessness, and possibly strange roads, all combine to make the summer driving period the most critical in the year.

Appeals to both drivers and pedestrians of observance of safe driving and walking in order for the first time to end the seasonal increase in traffic accidents, have been made south of the international border, where press and radio are being utilized in a "mid year" safety campaign. Last year traffic fatalities rose steadily until the figures for August were 50 per cent greater than the toll for February.

The A. M. A. has issued a list of nine safe driving rules, which if observed, will keep a lot of motorists out of trouble this season. These include: "Keep your car in sound condition; keep your car under control; keep your eye on the road; don't mix liquor, worry or anger with gasoline."

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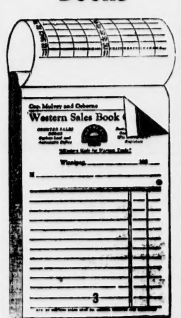
An Exchange stated quite recently that among the Dominion Cabinet Ministers to make a tour of the Western Provinces during the early Fall, would be the Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor. Mr. Rogers is a new star in the Dominion firmament and a very strong member of the cabinet. The report says—Making his first address of major importance to the House of Commons, Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Minister of Labour, received a remarkable ovation when he presented the Government's case in support of the National Employment Commission bill. From every corner of the Commons chamber thunderous applause rewarded the new minister's effort. Even the Leader of the Opposition was unable to restrain his admiration and joined in the spontaneous display of approval. The minister's presentation was faultlessly delivered in calm, statesmanlike language, and with a lucidity and completeness of argument which has been rarely excelled in Canadian parliamentary history.

If or when Mr. Rogers visits Calgary he will no doubt be heard by a capacity audience.

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The C. G. I. T. Camp held at Wilms Farm came to a close on Monday after a delightful week. The girls and their leaders desire to thank the following: Mr. Williams, those who so kindly provided treats during the week, Mr. John Christensen for the use of his cook car and Mr. Bonita for his assistance in transportation. Last meeting of the C. G. I. T. Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ben Cool.

Mrs. Pryor was in the chair and Mrs. McLeamy and Mrs. Wilde were lunch on hostesses. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jamieson the first Wednesday in September. The Blind Crock - Mossleigh Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. C. A. Davis on Wednesday. Mrs. F. Wark and Mrs. E. Reed provided refreshments.

## WESTERN DEPT. STORE

Phone 28 Strathmore, Alta. Phone 28  
 S. LIBIN, Manager

### SUGAR—

100 lbs	\$5.85
20 lbs	\$1.21
10 lbs	.65c

### BROWN SUGAR—

3 lbs	23c
6 lbs	40c
10 lbs	.65c

### ICING SUGAR—

2 lbs	18c
5 lbs	40c

### LARD—

Swift's Premium,	
1 lb	15c
5 lbs	70c
BACON—	
Sliced, 1 lb	30c

### TOMATOES—

Large tin, 2 for	25c
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### CORN—

2 tins	25c
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### PEAS—

2 tins	25c
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### Shredded WHEAT—

Pkg.	10c
(Limit 5 Pkgs.)	

### FRUIT JARS—

Quarts	\$1.29
Pints	\$1.10

### JELLY POWDER

Shiriffs,	
6 for	25c

### CERTO—

Bottle	27c
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### RUBBER RINGS—

4 dozen	25c
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### METAL RINGS—

Dozen	25c
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### PINE APPLE—

Sliced, 3 tins	35c
6 tins	65c

### PARAWAX—

1 lb	14c
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### GINGER SNAPS—

2 lbs	25c
3 lbs	35c

### Creamery BUTTER—

First Grade, 1b 27c	
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### CORN STARCH—

2 pkgs	23c
3 Pkgs.	32c

### Laundry STARCH—

2 pkgs	25c
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### VINEGAR—

Heinz White, Gallon	79c
White X X X Gallon	55c
Blended X X X Gallon	55c

### MATCHES—

Pkg.	25c
2 Pkgs	45c

### BAKING POWDER

Nabob, 5 lb tin	90c
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### SALMON—

5 tall tins	55c
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### TOMATO JUICE—

4 tins	25c
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### SARDINES—

In Oil, 6 tins	25c
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### DATES—

Fresh, 3 lbs	25c
6 lbs	45c

### COFFEE—

Fresh Ground, 5 lbs	\$1.00
Our Best, 1 lb	30c
3 lbs	85c

### FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

### BANANAS—

For Saturday only, 1 lb	11c
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### APRICOTS—

2 lbs	25c
Cash, flat	\$1.75

### APPLES—

4 lbs	25c
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### PLUMS—

Basket, 65c	
1 lb	15c

### PEACHES—

Freestone, Basket	50c
Cash	\$1.85

### TOMATOES—

B. C. Field, 2 lbs	15c
Basket	35c

### PEARS—

Bartlett, Basket	50c
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### HEAD LETTUCE—

B. C. Field, 9c	
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### CABBAGE—

1 lb	5c
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